

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 474
By Jordan

A RESOLUTION to honor General Sessions Judge Elizabeth Jane Franks on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Elizabeth Jane Franks is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 19 years as a General Sessions Judge in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, she opened her own law practice in the Stahlman Building in Nashville, Tennessee, after her graduation from law school; and

WHEREAS, Judge Franks successfully ran for General Sessions Judge in 1978, 1982 & 1990; she has received numerous awards and honors, including "Woman of the Year", throughout her exemplary career;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Franks is the mother of 12 children and the grandmother of 29 grandchildren who individually and collectively have brought great credit to the extended Franks family; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in holy matrimony with J.N. Franks in 1948, and the couple enjoyed love and companionship until J.N.'s death in 1992; and

WHEREAS, she is and has been a devout member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Franklin for over 20 years; she has played the organ there every Sunday for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Franks is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Judge Franks exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jane Franks' adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to General Sessions Judge Jane Franks our congratulations for her lifetime of service to her community and its citizens, and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.